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Colonel Booth called me this morning and said that in connection with one of the split papers an attempt was being made by Captain Wev through a message which had not been submitted to JIOA Governing Committee and that he had said he would refuse to have anything to do with the matter unless I was consulted. The excuse given he said was that the matter was in a rush. I agreed to come to the meeting at 2:45 PM. On arrival, it turned out to be a JIS meeting. The subject in question was the immigration inquiry on which draft answers had been submitted three times before. I append a copy of the proposal which was handed to me by Colonel Booth. Captain Wev was present, and apart from the two of us, the other members were all JIS (although I noted that the covering memorandum to Booth called for clearance with the JIS Governing Committee members). (I have the impression that this covering memorandum was written after Booth objected to what was going on.)

Colonel Hollinger and Captain Abbott (who was referred to as Captain Henry but I have always understood his name was Captain Abbott) tried to be somewhat high-handed with respect to me personally after Colonel Booth said the State Department could not go along with the proposed message on the ground that it was misleading. Captain Abbott argued that under an existing directive, German scientists were prevented from moving from the zone. I pointed out that the reply called for a yes or a no answer on whether immigration to the United States was prohibited; that the proposed answer was not responsive anyway; that if a non-responsive answer was to

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be written it should be informative and not misleading; and that it was misleading to say that it was the United States policy to permit immigration without pointing out that many of these applicants would probably not be admitted as immigrants. I pointed out that immigration was a word of art; that no immigration was possible without a visa and that we would know if applications were made for visas when they were made; that USFET would have to find out from the consuls anyhow whether applications were made and when JIOA authorized immigration USFET would be notified anyhow to permit immigration in the selected case. Colonel Hollinger talked about the runaround SWNCC had been giving the German scientists in our zone and that these scientists "were getting sick and tired of our promises." We finally agreed to write a message saying that immigration was not prohibited if the requirements of the immigration laws were met and that the JCS should be notified of applications. The theory behind this, as stated, was that we would thus become aware of cases not falling in the JIOA list or cases where individual applications had been made by the scientists who, as Colonel Hollinger said, had "become sick and tired."

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